

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5-6, 8-10 and 15-20 are amended to merely clarify the recited subject matter and overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 of claims 19 and 20. Claims 1-42 are pending.

Although claims 5-6, 9-10, 15-20, 23-28, , 30-32, 35 and 36 have been deemed allowable, claims 1-4, 7-8, 13, 21-22, 29 and 33-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yoakum et al. (U.S. 6,735,621; hereafter “Yoakum”), claims 11, 12, 14 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable based on Yoakum. Applicant traverses the rejections because Yoakum fails to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims. For example, Yoakum fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed method (independent claims 1, 15, and 16-18), communication system (independent claims 21,24, 29 and 30), or network node (independent claims 33-36) wherein service reference information is added to a signalling protocol message; and the message to a network node, as recited in the rejected claims.

Rather, Yoakum merely discloses that addresses via which a service user can be reached, should be added to a response (column 8, lines 32-34). That is the only point where adding is mentioned in Yoakum. Furthermore, Yoakum fails to teach or suggest the concept of service reference information; thus, Yoakum also fails to teach or suggest service reference information that is delivered in a SIP message. In fact, Yoakum fails to teach or suggest that service reference information exists at all.

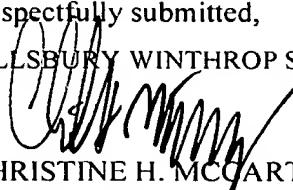
Therefore, Yoakum fails to teach or suggest adding service reference information to an IP telephony signaling protocol message, or any feature relating to such a message, such as separating service reference information from an IP telephony message. Thus, independent claims 1, 21, 29, 33 and 34, and their respective dependent claims.

Accordingly, all pending claims are allowable. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims are allowable and that the entire application is condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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